

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Public Notice

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing an application for the following project for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. We encourage public comments on the proposed work, which will be considered in the decision on certification. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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Project Applicant	Caltrans District 5- Larry Bonner
Applicant's Agent	Caltrans District 5- Morgan Robertson
Project Name	North Paso Robles Highway 101 Rehabilitation Project
Receiving Water	San Marcos Creek and two unnamed tributaries to the Salinas River
City/County	San Miguel/San Luis Obispo and Monterey
Public Notice	December 1, 2015 – December 22, 2014
Project Description	<p>The purpose of this project is to provide safety and operational improvements and to prevent further deterioration along State Route 101.</p> <p>The project activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacing the existing southbound and northbound HWY 101 bridges at San Marcos Creek Bridge;• Removing the existing bridge bents, while leaving bridge abutments in place;• Placing a new bent for each bridge within the channel, with each bent consisting of two 4.25-foot diameter columns;• Increasing the profile of the northbound bridge by 7 feet and the southbound by 3 feet;• Using existing rock slope protection to stabilize the bridge abutments;• Replacing an Air Blown Mortar (ABM) culvert in the highway median at PM 65.2, which is surrounded by annual grasses and ruderal vegetation, supporting ephemeral flow;• Replacing 95 linear feet of lined ABM culvert with a 42-inch alternative pipe culvert to accommodate highway realignment;• Modifying the existing drainage system at the North San Miguel Overcrossing to accommodate a road lowering;• Removing a 66-foot section of an existing 66-inch pipe culvert and replacing it with a 67-foot section of 72-inch pipe culvert;• Abandoning the adjoining 136-foot section of the existing

	<p>pipe culvert that runs under the northbound 101 lanes, and jacking a 136-foot section of 72-inch pipe in the same location; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a driving/bore pit in the overcrossing median to jack the new culvert pipe under the highway. <p>Compensatory mitigation includes: restoring 0.075 acres of riparian habitat.</p> <p>Caltrans District 5 filed a (Mitigated) Negative Declaration on May 15, 2013.</p>
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